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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Tricentennial Gardens Dedication Ceremony**

Saturday, May 21, 2005

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The long-awaited opening of the Tricentennial Garden and John Joseph Morsch Garden will be celebrated at a dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 21 at 3 p.m. The gardens are located on the W&OD Bike Trail between the bike bridge on West Broad Street and Grove Avenue.

The public is invited to this free dedication ceremony, which includes tours of the gardens and presentations by elected officials, sponsor staff, and organization officials. There will be a dedication cake by Kendall's bakery and music by Randy Barrett.

For the past 11 years, the gardens have been in the planning phase to create a new gathering place for pedestrians, cyclists, neighbors, local shoppers, and students walking home from school. They have taken a blighted, gravel former railroad bed and transformed it into native plant gardens with a carriage road, a new information kiosk, and seven benches commemorating Falls Church Tricentennial leaders.

This project has been made possible due to generous funding and partnership from the estate of John Joseph Morsch, the City of Falls Church, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the Village Preservation and Improvement Society, and Wachovia Bank.

For more information, please call 703-532-0884.

**WHAT:** Tricentennial Gardens Dedication Ceremony

WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 2005

**TIME:** 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** W&OD Bike Trail between the Bike Bridge on West Broad Street and Grove Avenue

Falls Church, VA 22046

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